

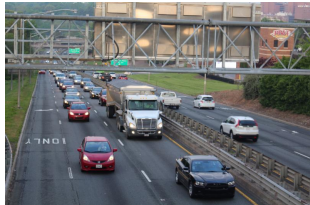


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**Division 9**  
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## NCDOT Wants to Help You Save Time, Money Over Holidays



As families travel over the river and through the woods for celebrations, the N.C. Department of Transportation will suspend most road construction activities on major routes across the state to help make their trips a little smoother. By avoiding traffic delays, motorists can reach their destinations safely and efficiently, while cutting down on fuel consumption and costs. The list of closures will be available closer to the holidays on our website. For real-time travel information at any time, visit the Travel section of the NCDOT website or follow NCDOT on Twitter.

Here are some additional tips for navigating the highways safely during the holiday travel season:

- Leave early to get a head start on your drive. Travel at non-peak hours when possible.
- Stay alert. Even if work is suspended, you may encounter narrowed lanes and traffic shifts in work zones.
- Be patient and obey the posted speed limit.
- Use alternate routes, when possible, to avoid traffic congestion.
- Stay informed. Real-time travel information is available online and over the phone by dialing 511.
- Don't drive drowsy. Travel at times when you are normally awake, and take frequent breaks.
- Avoid distracted driving. When drivers stop

## Stay Connected



## N.C. Transportation Now

On the latest N.C. Transportation Now, the department shares safety tips for drone use, DMV offices across the state get upgrades for next generation driver licenses, and NCDOT wants to hear what your favorite trails are around the state.



## Yep, That's a Plane on The Highway

On Monday, November 16 just before 4 p.m., Davidson County Maintenance and IMAP crews were called to close the right lane of a portion of Business 85 Northbound while the FAA, Highway Patrol and Police investigated the emergency landing of a small airplane.

focusing on the road ahead, they react more slowly to traffic conditions and are more likely to be involved in an accident.

### **Final Segments of Winston-Salem Northern Beltway Eastern Section/I-74 to be Funded**

Governor Pat McCrory recently announced that many transportation projects across the state will see construction dates moved up thanks to the signed 2015 state budget. That includes the final four segments of the eastern section of the [Winston-Salem Northern Beltway](#), also part of the Future Interstate 74 corridor, thanks to his recently signed 2015 state budget. Previously only one segment had been funded.



Jake Alexander Division 9  
Board Member

"The reforms I signed into law will get these roads built sooner," Governor McCrory said. "The primary purpose of the reforms was to ensure transportation funds were being spent on transportation projects and not diverted to other state programs."

"Once complete, the long-awaited eastern beltway will complete the I-74 corridor through Forsyth County, thereby improving the transportation system by reducing congestion on U.S. 52, enhancing economic development and job creation opportunities and improving freight mobility and reliability throughout the Piedmont Triad region," said Division 9 Board Member Jake Alexander.

The state budget included additional funding for transportation through the elimination of the transfer from the Highway Fund to the General Fund and through other fee and rate changes resulting in an additional \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years for transportation construction. The additional money allows NC Transportation add or accelerate a total of 248 construction projects across the state.

"Other high-profile projects of note are the widening of I-40 from Harper Road to N.C. 801 and the widening of U.S. 158 in Forsyth County and the Old Beatty Ford Road interchange at I-85 and the Julian Road widening project in

Traffic was delayed for a short while but luckily there were no significant injuries or damages.



### **Thankful to be Able to Give**

Every Thanksgiving division employees take up donations for Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, Inc. to support them in their efforts to feed the hungry. This year employees raised \$113.00.

Mission officials say our donations have gone a long way this year, as a complete Thanksgiving dinner from their organization is \$1.92. We've been a valued donor since 2004.

To find out more please visit: <http://www.wsrescue.org>



### **Division Crews Help With Crash Clean up, Lane Closures**

Early in the morning on Wednesday, November 25, Davidson County Maintenance IMAP crews responded to a crash on I-85 south near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Davidson County south of Thomasville.

Rowan County, all of which will provide much-needed safety and congestion improvements in these counties," said NCDOT Division 9 Engineer Pat Ivey.

[Ninety-two new segments of highway projects](#) can now be funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the department's 10-year construction plan. Additionally, the construction schedules of another 90 highway projects already approved in the STIP are being accelerated. An additional 66 non-highway projects are also being added to or accelerated in the program.

Other Triad projects benefitting from the additional funding include the acceleration of the Greensboro Road widening/Jamestown Bypass in Guilford County by years and the funding of the [N.C. 119 Mebane Bypass](#) in Alamance County.

"N.C. 119 in Alamance County serves the dual functions of providing the primary regional north-south route between I-85 south of Mebane and U.S. 58 in southern Virginia as well as providing north-south access to downtown Mebane," said Division 7 Board Member Cheryl McQueary.

"This project is needed to address travel demand, emergency vehicle response time, and the need for circumferential roads for people working outside of Mebane and Alamance County," said NCDOT Division 7 Engineer Mike Mills.

The NCDOT followed the Strategic Transportation Investments law to identify new projects (either segments or entire projects) at the statewide, regional and division levels. The projects were identified from those previously scored based on the same weights and criteria (data) used to develop the 2016-2025 STIP.

The schedule changes, called amendments, were presented to the Board of Transportation for their review at their December meeting, with their approval expected in January 2016.

For more information, please visit <http://ncdot.gov/strategictransportationinvestments/> or follow NCDOT on [Twitter](#).

It was determined that a tractor-trailer carrying concrete slabs overturned (pictured above). The extent of injuries was unknown.

NCDOT crews assisted with lane closures and cleared debris from the site of the crash.

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